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1. In the Bulgarian Official Gazette No. 118 of 20 May 1950 there was published a law of the Presidium of the National Assembly which changed Article 3 of the law concerning Bulgarian citizenship (Official Gazette No. 70 of 26 March 1948). The last paragraph of Article 3 is changed as follows: "In extremely important cases, the time limit provided in paragraph 2 of this article can be shortened or completely set aside by decree of the Council of Ministers. The Council of Ministers can also exempt persons who wish to acquire Bulgarian citizenship from taxes specified in this article. The present law enters into effect three days after promulgation. The execution of this law is entrusted to the Minister of Justice."
2. This change in the citizenship law has a political purpose in that it is to facilitate the acceptance of Soviet specialists and Soviet officials into Bulgarian citizenship. It also aims at making it easier for Soviet agents in Bulgaria to obtain foreign visas, and to make it possible for them to operate in Western countries under the cover of Bulgarian citizenship. Such grants of citizenship have lately taken place in great numbers.

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